

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended by incorporating the subject matter of claim 12 and allowable claim 13 into claim 1, and by adding a new independent claim 21 which constitutes a combination of the subject matter of claims 1, 12 and allowable claim 17. (It is noted that the original recitation in claim 12 that the cutting waste elimination means is moved "perpendicular" to the carrying direction has been changed to the broader term "transverse" in claims 1 and 21, but it is not seen that such a change should affect patentability). Thus, claims 1 and 21 should be allowable.

The remaining original dependent claims have been either canceled or amended in accordance with the amendments to claim 1.

Also, a new set of dependent claims 22-30 corresponding to claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16 and 18, respectively, have been added to depend directly or indirectly from claim 21.


In light of the foregoing amendments, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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